CLIFF

issue two of two

adults only

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YOU'RE BLEEDING
ALL MINOR
I STOPPED BLEEDING A LONG TIME AGO
STILL, COME IN SO YOU CAN GET CLEAN
YOU DIDN'T CALL THE POLICE?
NO
YOU WEREN'T TRYING TO HURT ME
YOU WERE SCARED. I GUESS I WOULD BE TOO
HE LEFT...
HE WAS ALL I HAD
H-HE LEFT...
COME ON IN THE SHOWER

HERE, LET ME HELP

JUST DON'T CUT ME, OKAY?

I WON'T

IF I'M GOING TO WASH YOU I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GET UNDRESSED TOO

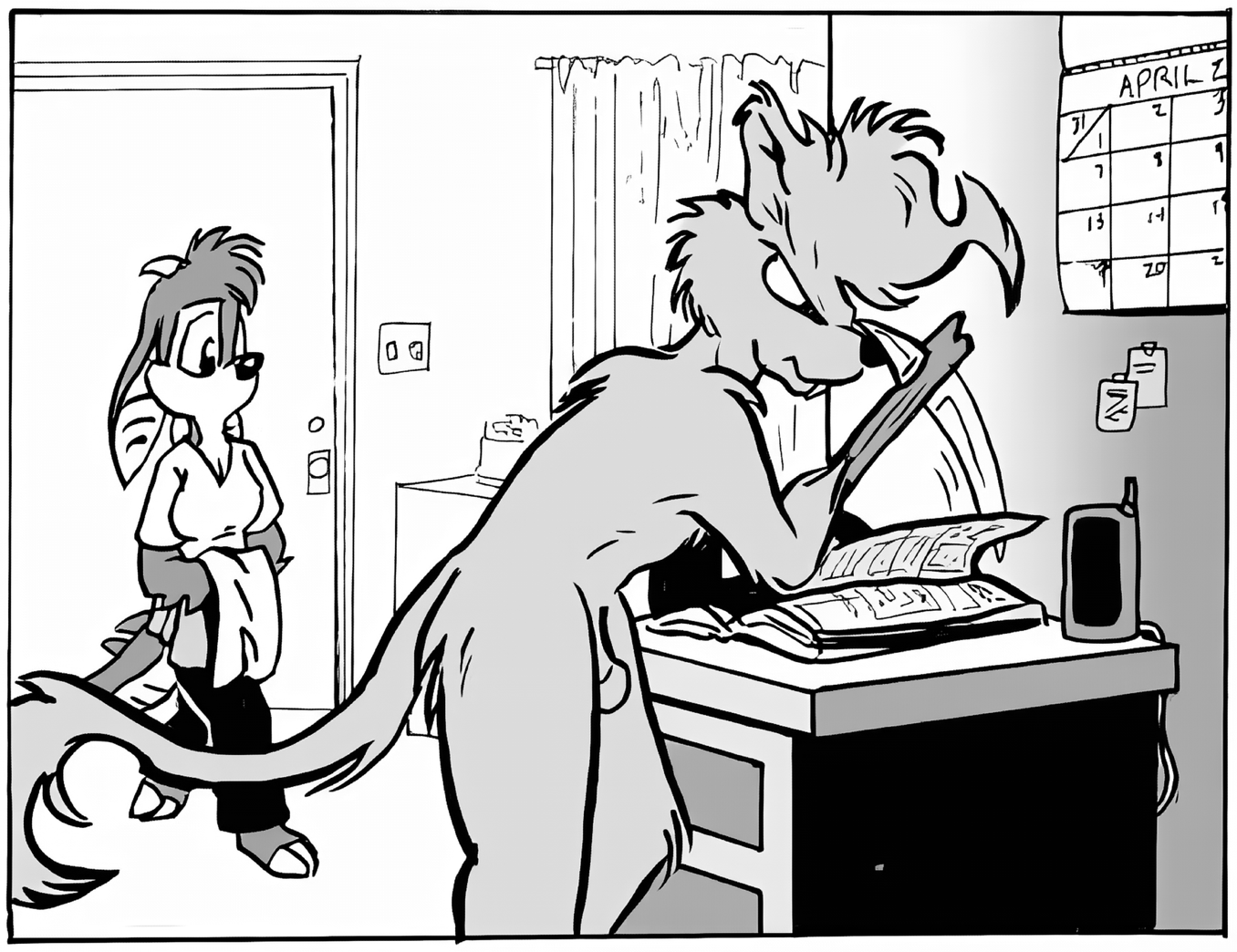
TURN AROUND

JUST RELAX

JUST LEAN BACK AND RELAX

UHH

OHHH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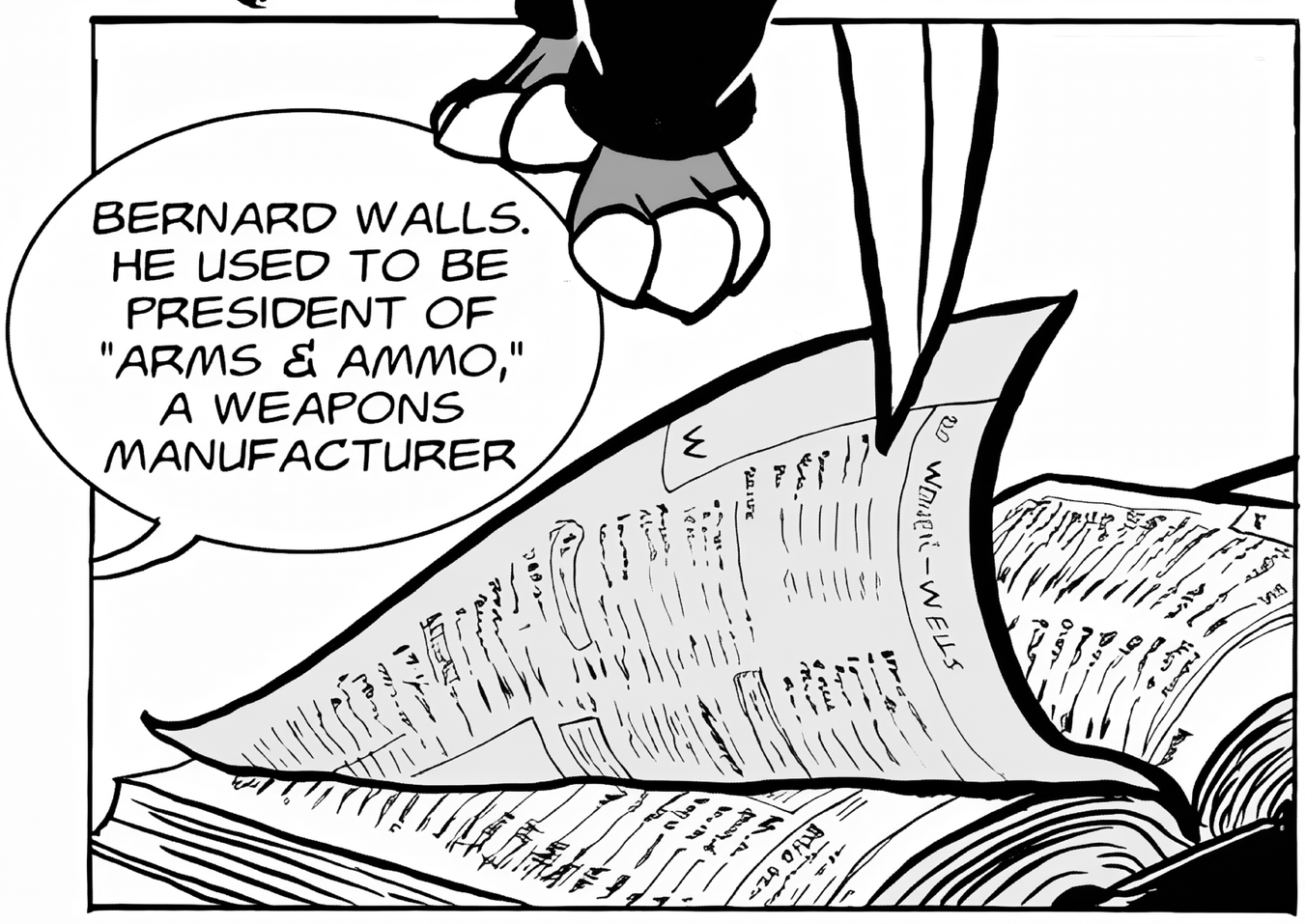
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE BUT HE'S NOT IN YOUR BOOK
WHO?


BERNARD WALLS. HE USED TO BE PRESIDENT OF "ARMS & AMMO," A WEAPONS MANUFACTURER

HAVE YOU KILLED ANYONE ELSE?
YES

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO FIND HIM FOR?
SO I CAN KILL HIM

DID THEY DO THAT TO YOU?

YES

I CAN HELP YOU

I HAVE A FRIEND WHO CAN FIND OUT WHERE BERNARD WALLS IS NOW

HE'S A NEWS GUY. HE WON'T ASK WHY

I.. I DON'T...

COME ON!

TRUST ME

I WON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOU

=SIGH=

HURRY BACK

I WILL

I HAVE TO COME BACK, BECAUSE WHEN I DO, YOU *ARE* GOING TO TELL ME ABOUT LINDA AND WHY YOU KEEP CALLING ME BY HER NAME

LATER.

I'M BACK!

I FOUND HIM! HE'S RIGHT HERE IN THE--

THE--

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

REMEMBERING

CRAK!

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?

BERNARD WALLS HAD HIMSELF REMOVED FROM THE PHONE BOOK YEARS AGO

HE WAS PRESIDENT OF ARMS & AMMO, BUT NOW HE'S TAKEN A LOWER LEVEL DESK JOB. HE'S NEARING RETIREMENT

IT'S BEEN A GOOD LIFE FOR MISTER WALLS

HE'S ALSO BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE FOR ARMS SMUGGLING, ALONG WITH TWO OTHERS NAMED HOWARD MANNING AND GRAZER PFHABERS

ARMS & AMMO. THOSE BASTARDS. I REMEMBER NOW

I'LL TELL YOU MY STORY

MY NAME IS CLIFF

I WAS WITH THE POLICE IN THE SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT. I STUDIED UNDER A COP NAMED BRUCE. HE BROUGHT ME UP FROM THE BEGINING OF MY CAREER.

WE WERE TAKING EVIL AWAY FROM THE WORLD. AS A TEAM WE CAUGHT DOMESTIC TERRORISTS, HANDLED HOSTAGE SITUATIONS, AND BROUGHT DOWN SERIAL KILLERS.

THEN THERE WAS DRIP. WE CHASED HIM FOR A LONG TIME, BUT HE WAS ALREADY WELL INTO HIS CAREER OF MURDER. HE HUNTED WOMEN... WOULD SEXUALLY ABUSE AND TORTURE THEM BEFORE HE KILLED THEM.

WE NEVER KNEW EXACTLY HOW MANY HE KILLED.

HE EVEN GOT A HOLD OF ME.

MY TEAM SAVED ME, BUT NOT BEFORE...

LET'S JUST SAY IT MADE MY RESOLVE TO CATCH HIM THAT MUCH GREATER!

THEN WE FINALLY CAUGHT HIM

IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT, BUT THE PUBLIC BASICLY GAVE ME THE CREDIT BECAUSE I SHOT HIM TWICE, BRINGING HIS RUNNING TO AN END.

SO I WAS SOME KIND OF HERO.

THEN THERE WAS THE WAR

I WAS A HERO SO I DID WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE HEROIC THING TO DO

I LEFT THE POLICE AND JOINED THE ARMY

I FOUGHT AND LOST MY HUMANITY ON THE BATTLEFIELD. IT WAS CAST ASIDE LIKE THE BODIES OF THE DEAD ALL AROUND ME.

STILL, I FELT THE WAR HAD CAUSE, AND THAT IT WAS NOBLE TO DIE FOR ANOTHER'S FREEDOM.

I STILL FEEL THAT WAY, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WERE DOING....

BUT IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL I FOUND HER..

LINDA...

ALTHOUGH DRIP HAD SEEN TO IT LONG BEFORE THAT SHE WASN'T MY FIRST...

SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON I EVER MADE LOVE TO. SHE LOOKED ALOT LIKE YOU...

THEN I FOUND OUT WHAT WE WERE REALLY FIGHTING FOR. I WAS GIVEN A DESK JOB FOR A SHORT TIME. I DID SOME LOOKING AROUND, AND TOOK WHAT I FOUND TO MY SUPERIORS.

MY MISTAKE.

TWO COMPANIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTENDING THE WAR. ARMS & AMMO WAS SELLING WEAPONS TO THE ENEMY. PATHMAKER WAS SELLING WEAPONS TO US.

EYES ONLY

I MADE EVERY EFFORT TO LET IT BE KNOWN OUR LIVES WERE BEING TRADED FOR MONEY.

I WAS ABLE TO GET A HOLD OF BRUCE, MY BOSS FROM THE FORCE. BEFORE I COULD GIVE HIM WHAT I'D FOUND, I WAS RETURNED TO MY UNIT AND WE WERE ATTACKED.

THE ENEMY WAS TOLD WHERE WE WERE AND THEY AMBUSHED US.

LINDA... I LOST TRACK OF LINDA. SHE STEPPED ON A LANDMINE AND LOST HER LEG.

SHE DIED NOT LONG AFTER THAT.

WHAT WAS LEFT OF MY COMPANY WAS CAPTURED. NOT BY THE ENEMY.. BUT BY ***THEM***, BERNARD WALLS AND THE REST OF ARMS & AMMO.

HOWIE, GRAZER, MARCUS AND THEIR UNDERLINGS. THEY TORTURED AND MURDERED MY COMRADES.

NO QUESTIONS, ONLY DEATH.

THEN THEY TURNED TO ME

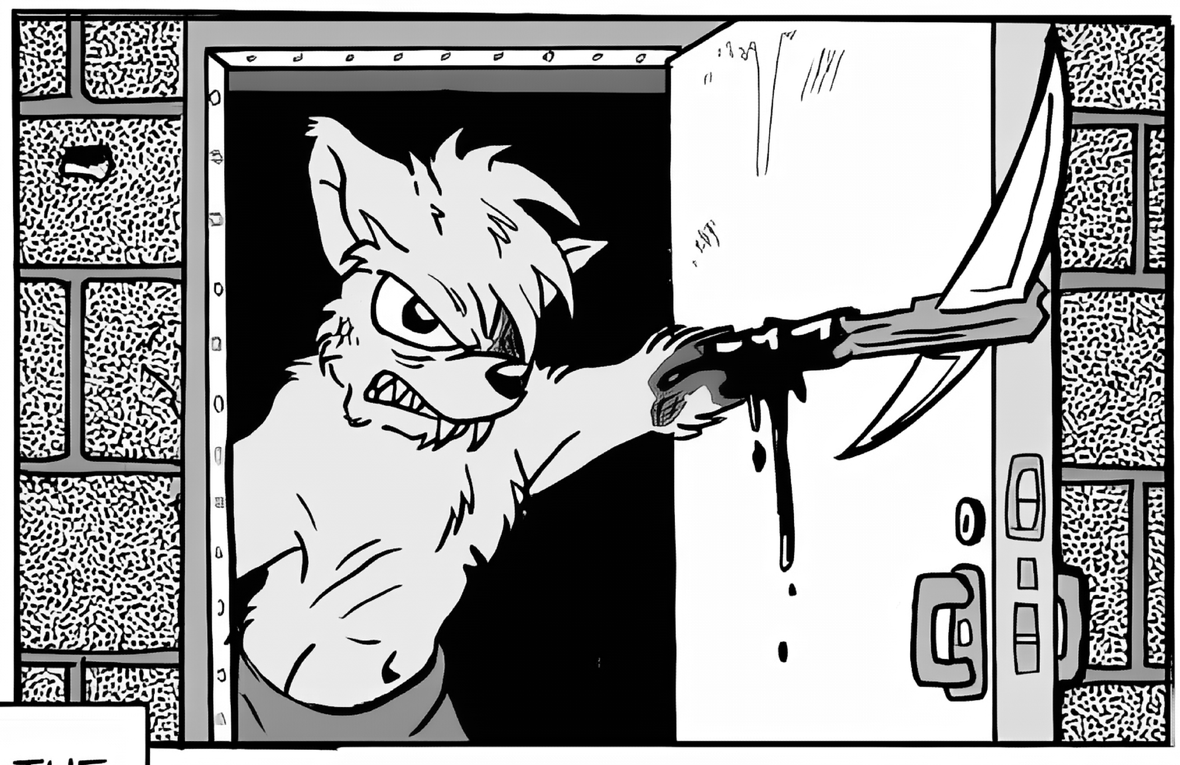
HOWIE TOOK MY EYE. GRAZER TOOK MY ARMS

THEY'RE BOTH DEAD NOW.

THEY LEFT ME IN THAT CELL TO DIE.

BUT THEN A VOICE FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE SHOWED ME THE WAY TO GO.

THIER TOOLS OF TORTURE MY TOOLS OF PAIN.



I ESCAPED FROM THE CELL AND I KILLED THEM ALL.

SOME UNHOLY FORCE WAS GUIDING ME. IT WAS A SLAUGHTER.

I DIDN'T CARE WHO I KILLED. THEY SIMPLY ALL DIED.

BUT THE FOUR I WANTED MOST HAD LEFT.

BERNARD, HOWIE, GRAZER AND MARCUS HAD COME HERE TO THE HOME I'D SWORN BEFORE GOD TO PROTECT

BUT I WAS DONE CARING ANYMORE

MY MISSION WAS CLEAR

I FELT HONORED TO BE A SOLDIER, BUT NOT FIGHTING THEIR WAR

FOR THE SOLDIER AND FRIENDS THEY'VE KILLED AND WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO ME, THEY WILL DIE

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

..!

HOLDING YOU

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN KILLING AND DYING AND PAIN

DON'T--

YOU CAN CALL ME LINDA IF IT HELPS

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS...

I WANT TO

I DON'T KNOW...

DON'T WORRY

COME HERE

LINDA...

LINDA

YES... JUST LIKE THAT

HEY, IT'S ME, LINDA.

LINDA?

YES

PLEASE CLIFF

KISS ME

AIEEE!!

AHH!!

WAIT!

IT'S NOT BAD!

CLIFF, IT'S MY FAULT!

I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, LINDA

CLIFF

PLEASE--

NO!

COME BACK

YOU'RE BACK?

YES

YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME BACK IN?

YES

GOOD. I'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO GO

BERNARD HASN'T BEEN IN HIS OFFICE FOR *THREE DAYS*, DRIP!

WHERE IS HE?!

THIS IS FUN, ISN'T IT?

WHERE IS HE, DRIP?!

CRACK!

NOW THIS ISN'T GOING TO GET US ANYWHERE. THE WHOLE TIME YOU'VE SAT THERE YOU WON'T TALK TO ME

I DON'T *WANT* TO TALK TO YOU, DRIP

IS THIS BECAUSE I FUCKED YOU IN THE ASS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO?

RRAARRR!!

OR IS IT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SCORE WITH WOMEN ANY MORE?

CRASH!!

JESUS, SHE LOOKED JUST LIKE THAT BITCH YOU ALWAYS CRY OVER!

SURPRIZED?

YES, YOU CRY ABOUT HER EVERY FUCKING DAY. EVEN THAT BILLIE BITCH SAW YOU CRY. YOU CRIED IN FRONT OF HER, HANGING ON TO HER LIKE SOME FOUR-YEAR OLD WITH HIS MOMMY. PROBABLY WHY SHE FELT SORRY FOR YOU AND WANTED TO FUCK YOU.

I....I CRY?

I NEVER CRIED....

YOU CRY ALL RIGHT. I DON'T LET YOU REMEMBER BECAUSE YOU'D GET OFF TRACK

JUST TELL ME WHERE HE IS, GOD DAMN IT!!

BEG. COME ON, ON YOUR KNEES. BEG ME.

I AM *NOT* GOING TO BEG YOU!!

FINE. STAY HERE AND STARVE TO DEATH. YOUR FRIENDS WILL HAVE DIED UNAVENGED.

PATHEDIC. YOUR LIFE WILL HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.

STUPID WAY TO END YOUR STORY.

OKAY

FINE

FOR THEM

DRIP? WHERE CAN I FIND MY ENEMY?

BERNARD IS HERE.

MARCUS IS HERE TOO.

THEN NO ONE LIVES TONIGHT

ALRIGHT, DID YOU BRING YOUR STUFF?

TWENTY HAND GRENADES AND FIVE RPG LAUNCHERS WITH THREE ROUNDS EACH?

THAT'S RIGHT

SO WHAT'S THIS FOR?

YOU KNOW THAT COP WHO GOT KILLED LAST WEEK?

THE POLICE ARE PLANNING A BIG PROCESSION OF BLACK & WHITES

WE'LL GET FIVES GUYS ON DIFFERENT TOWERS TO FIRE AT THE CARS. WHEN THEY RUN OUT OF AMMO, THEY'LL TOSS THE GRENADES OVER THE WALL AND GET THE HELL OUT.

LOTS OF DEAD COPS!

LOTS OF DEAD PEOPLE, TOO

EH!

MARCUS?

CANCEL MY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AT THAT THING

YOUR PARTNER SEEMS A LITTLE MESSED UP

OH, HE THINKS SOMEONE IS OUT TO *KILL* HIM, SO HE'S KIND OF EDGY

BUT I UNDERSTAND SPEED DOES THAT TO A GUY!

YEAH, I ONCE KNEW SOMEONE WHO TRIED IT TO LOSE WEIGHT

DIED OF A HEART ATTACK

EEEYAHHH!!!

SHIT! WHAT THE--

AUGH!!

HHHAAA

BAM!
BAM!
DO NOT
TOW
AHH!!
CRASH!!
COME OUT!!
FWD
FT
SPLOTCH
YOU FUCKING BASTARD!!

BOSS?

B-BOSS?

WHINE

BONK!

HELLO MARCUS

IT'S BEEN A WHILE

....

DO AS I SAY AND I WON'T KILL YOU

YOU DIDN'T REALLY HURT ME. YOU JUST STOOD BY AND WATCHED

Y-YOU WON'T KILL ME?

NO... I'LL LET SOMEONE ELSE DO THAT

MARCUS!

MARCUS!

OH GOD

NO!!

ARRGHHHH!!

GGK...

GAH..

GRUHH...

MARCUS?

WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU, YOU DUMB BASTARD?!

MARCUS!

WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

GHRKHH..

GUH..

COME ON!

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

GRICK..

NOH!

NOH!!

AUGGHH!!

YAHH!!

HEH HEH HEH

HAH HAH HAH!

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VROOM!

HEY! WAKE UP!

SOMEONE YOU WANT TO KILL IS GETTING AWAY

IF YOU DON'T HURRY HE'S GOING TO BE ACROSS THE BRIDGE AND YOU'LL NEVER GET HIM

HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'S GOING TO USE THE BRIDGE?

HEH! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE I TALK TO

I HAVE A LIFE OUTSIDE THIS BRAIN, YOU KNOW

I DON'T THINK I LIKE THAT!

BAM!

AHH!!

CRASH!

AMMO 1

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU WOKE UP

UHHH...

SHUT UP, DRIP...

DRIP, EH?

HEY BERNARD!

YOU COMING?

YEAH

LET ME FINISH THIS BITCH, THEN WE'LL HURT THE HERO

BANG

THEY TOOK MY EYE... THEY TOOK MY ARMS

BUT YOU-- YOU HURT ME WORSE THAN THEY EVER COULD--

YOU!!

YOU TOOK MY *HEART*!!

RRAAR!!

AHHH!!

OH GOD NO!!

AAAGGHH!!

FORMER ARMS & AMMO PRESIDENT BERNARD WALLS WAS FOUND MURDERED UNDER THE FIRST STREET BRIDGE

BESIDE HIM WAS A FLOWER DRAWN IN HIS OWN BLOOD SIGNED "TO LINDA FROM CLIFF."

THIS, ALONG WITH THE WAREHOUSE MURDERS, HAVE THE POLICE WONDERING: "IS THIS JUST THE BEGINING?"

NEWSHOUNDS

NO, I THINK HE'S DONE HERE

BUT HE WON'T STOP

I HAVE A GUESS WHERE HE'S GOING NOW

THERE ARE STILL THE OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROLONGING THE WAR

I'LL FIND HIM...

THERE'S MORE YOU KNOW

OTHERS NEED TO DIE

OTHERS NEED TO DIE

I'LL TELL YOU WHO

YOU'LL TELL ME WHO

TRUST ME, I WON'T LIE

I TRUST YOU

TTFN
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